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SUBJECT: ROKG UN STRATEGY

REF: (A) SEOUL 1051 (NOTAL); (B) USUN 533; (C) STATE 14349

1. REPORTS OF UN DISCUSSION (REF B) WILL UNDOUBTEDLY STRENGTHEN ROKG DETERMINATION TO PRESS FOR AGREEMENT TO THEIR PROPOSALS (REF A) DURING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF FONMIN TO WASHINGTON. ESTIMATE BY OTHER DELEGATIONS OF GLOOMY UNGA PROSPECTS, IN ABSENCE OF SOME NEW INITIATIVE ON KOREAN QUESTION, WILL SPUR ROK DESIRES FOR QUICK DECISION ON NEW TACTICS.

2. FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH VICE FONMIN LHO REFLECTED GROWING ROKG CONCERN ABOUT DETERIORATING SUPPORT IN AFRICA, AND FONMIN CONCLUSION THAT MAJOR AREA CAMPAIGN IN AFRICA BASED UPON NEW INITIATIVE IS NECESSARY.

3. WHILE ROKG IS NOW CONVINCED THAT ITS CLEAN CUT APPROACH, INVOLVING TAKING ISSUE TO SECURITY COUNCIL, IS PREFERABLE, I SENSE THAT THEY ARE STILL VERY MUCH AMENABLE TO ALTERNATIVES WHICH MAKE CLEAR SEOUL'S INTEREST IN SEEKING SOLUTION, OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISSOLVE UNC IF ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS NOT UNDERMINED, AND THE NECESSITY TO UNDERLINE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE OTHER SIDE.

4. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PREPARED THEREFORE TO
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REVIEW UNGA STRATEGY WITH FONMIN IN CONCRETE TERMS, GIVING

ROKG PROPOSAL AS POSITIVE A REACTION AS POSSIBLE AND
PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES WHICH WOULD ACCOMPLISH SAME
OBJECTIVES, IF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION PROPOSED IS STILL
DEEMED TO HAVE TOO MANY DRAWBACKS.
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